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REMARKS

Claims 17, 19, 20, 35 and 40-43 are pending in the subject application as amended via applicants' September 9, 2005 Preliminary Amendment. Claim 17 has been amended to more particularly point out what applicants regard as their invention. Support for the amendments to claim 17 can be found in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 17, lines 19-25, line 36 to page 18, line 3 and lines 18-21. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 17, 19, 20, 35 and 40-43 will still be pending and under examination.

November 9, 2005 Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kaushal for his time and consideration during the November 9, 2005 telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney, Alan J. Morrison.

During the interview, it was agreed that amending claim 17, as done herein, would more likely overcome the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103, and place claim 17 and its dependent claims in condition for allowance. Applicants maintain that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Summary

For the reasons set forth hereinabove, applicants respectfully request that all the claims of this application be allowed, and

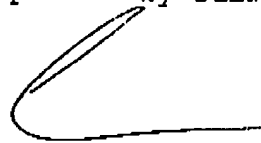
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that the application proceed to issuance.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Second Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

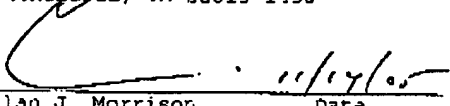
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